

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Official Action mailed March 19, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. Claims 12 and 16 have been amended. Claims 17-20, directed to non-elected subject matter, have been canceled without prejudice. New claim 21 has been added, and is directed to a more specific embodiment of the present invention. Support for the addition of new claim 21 is found in the claims and specification as originally filed. Accordingly, claims 10-16 and 21 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments, and further, in view of the following remarks.

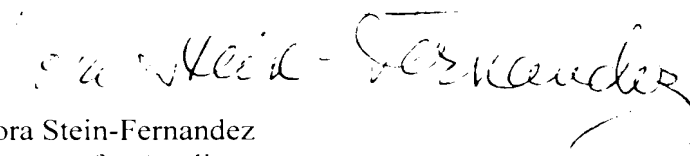
Preliminarily, Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 10, 11 and 15. In addition, claims 13 and 14 are considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for not ending with a period. Claim 12 has been amended accordingly. Since this amendment is based on form, and is not based on a substantive rejection, claims 13 and 14 should be allowable without having to be written in independent form. Clarity on this point is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite since it is unclear if the subject matter after the "e.g." is meant to further limit the claim. Claim 16 has been amended to clarify that "Hal" defines halogen. New claim 21 has been added and is directed to a further embodiment wherein "Hal" defines a halogen selected from iodine or bromine. Applicants submit that this amendment places claim 16 into condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph, are requested.

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In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of claims 10-16, favorable consideration of new claim 21, and allowance of this application with claims 10-16 and 21 are earnestly solicited.

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